



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE
July 1, 2014

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Dedication of Land as County Parkland

Dear Honorable Members:

Please find enclosed a resolution from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry seeking legislative authorization to dedicate 81.76 acres of vacant land located in the Town of Concord as County parkland.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Troy Schinzel and other representatives from the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

MCP/tcc
Enclosure

cc: Troy Schinzel, Commissioner of Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry

MEMORANDUM

To: Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry
Re: Dedication of Land as County Parkland
Date: July 1, 2014

SUMMARY

In 1997, the County obtained ownership of approximately 81.76 acres of land through the In Rem foreclosure process. Said land is located in the Town of Concord and is adjacent to Erie County Forestry Lot Number 13. The 81.76 acres of land are vacant. Authorization is sought to dedicate the land as County parkland so that it may be afforded the protections of Erie County's Parks Protection Law enumerated in Local Law No. 4-1993.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry believes that by formally deeming this land as parkland, it will be further protected from any unwanted encroachments. The County Forester will be responsible for inspecting the land at various times throughout the year. Currently, the land is sitting vacant and there is no such caretaking.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

There would be the possibility of unwanted encroachments, which may go unnoticed if the land is not being properly monitored.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Upon approval of this resolution, the County Executive will be authorized to enter into any necessary documents in order to formally dedicate the subject land as County parkland and incorporate same into County Forestry Lot Number 13.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & FORESTRY

RE: Dedication of Land as County Parkland

WHEREAS, the County of Erie obtained a certain parcel of land through the In Rem foreclosure process on or about the 3rd day of June, 1997; and

WHEREAS, said parcel consists of 81.76 acres of land located in the Town of Concord, which is adjacent to the southern property line of Erie County Forestry Lot Number 13; and

WHEREAS, the parcel of land is vacant land and more suitable for use as County parkland; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie's Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry is seeking to incorporate said parcel into Forestry Lot Number 13; and

WHEREAS, in order to for the land to be treated as and afforded the protections of parkland, the Legislature of the County of Erie must deem it as such; and

WHEREAS, the County of Erie's ARC Committee has formally reviewed and approved such a proposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the County of Erie does hereby dedicate the lands described herein as County parkland; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said lands be subjected to and afforded the protections of Local Law No. 4-1993, entitled "Erie County's Parks Protection Law;" and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive is hereby authorized to execute any and all appropriate documents as may be necessary for the dedication of said land as parkland and its incorporation into Forestry Lot Number 13; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this Resolution to the County Executive; the Director of the Division of Budget and Management; Troy P. Schinzel, the Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Forestry; and Assistant County Attorney Kristen M. Walder.